**FORM 8.3** 

### PUBLIC OPENING POSITION DISCLOSURE/DEALING DISCLOSURE BY

#### A PERSON WITH INTERESTS IN RELEVANT SECURITIES REPRESENTING 1% OR MORE

Rule 8.3 of the Takeover Code (the "Codeâ€)

### 1. KEY INFORMATION

(a) Full name of discloser:	Qube Research & Technologies
	Limited
(b) Owner or controller of interests and short positions disclosed, if different from 1(a):	Â
The naming of nominee or vehicle companies is insufficient. For a trust, the trustee(s), settlor and	
beneficiaries must be named.	
(c) Name of offeror/offeree in relation to whose relevant securities this form relates:	DS Smith plc
Use a separate form for each offeror/offeree	
(d) If an exempt fund manager connected with an offeror/offeree, state this and specify identity of	Â
offeror/offeree:	
(e) Date position held/dealing undertaken:	03-01-2025
For an opening position disclosure, state the latest practicable date prior to the disclosure	
(f) In addition to the company in 1(c) above, is the discloser making disclosures in respect of any other	Yes - International Paper
party to the offer?	Company
If it is a cash offer or possible cash offer, state "N/Aâ€	Â

### 2. POSITIONS OF THE PERSON MAKING THE DISCLOSURE

If there are positions or rights to subscribe to disclose in more than one class of relevant securities of the offeror or offeree named in 1(c), copy table 2(a) or (b) (as appropriate) for each additional class of relevant security.

# (a) Interests and short positions in the relevant securities of the offeror or offeree to which the disclosure relates following the dealing (if any)

Class of relevant security:	10p	ordin	ary share	
Â	Interest	s	Short posit	ions
Â	Number	%	Number	%
(1) Relevant securities owned and/or controlled:	0	0.0	0	0.0
(2) Cash-settled derivatives: Â	26,727,387	1.94	0	0.0
(3) Stock-settled derivatives (including options) and agreements to purchase/sell:	0	0	0	0
Â TOTAL:	26,727,387	1.94	0	0.0

All interests and all short positions should be disclosed.

Details of any open stock-settled derivative positions (including traded options), or agreements to purchase or sell relevant securities, should be given on a Supplemental Form 8 (Open Positions).

## (b) Rights to subscribe for new securities (including directors' and other employee options)

Class of relevant security in relation to which subscription right exists:	0
Details, including nature of the rights concerned and relevant percentages:	0

## 3. DEALINGS (IF ANY) BY THE PERSON MAKING THE DISCLOSURE

Where there have been dealings in more than one class of relevant securities of the offeror or offeree named in 1(c), copy table 3(a), (b), (c) or (d) (as appropriate) for each additional class of relevant security dealt in.

The currency of all prices and other monetary amounts should be stated.

## (a) Purchases and sales

Class of relevant security	Purchase/sale	Number of securities	Price per unit (GBp)
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# (b) Cash-settled derivative transactions

Class of relevant security	Product description	Nature of dealing e.g. opening/closing a long/short position, increasing/reducing	Number of securities	Exercise price per unit (GBp)
	e.g. call option	9 .		
	1 0 1	2 21	299	549.00
10p ordinary share	Equity swap	increasing a long position	492	544.50
10p ordinary share	Equity swap	increasing a long position	513	545.00
10p ordinary share	Equity swap	increasing a long position	736	546.50
10p ordinary share	Equity swap	increasing a long position	998	546.00
10p ordinary share	Equity swap	increasing a long position	1064	549.50
10p ordinary share	Equity swap	increasing a long position	1156	547.00
10p ordinary share	Equity swap	increasing a long position	2613	547.50
10p ordinary share	Equity swap	increasing a long position	8966	548.00
10p ordinary share	Equity swap	decreasing a long position	36	550.50
10p ordinary share	Equity swap	decreasing a long position	37	551.00
10p ordinary share	Equity swap	decreasing a long position	219	545.50
10p ordinary share	Equity swap	decreasing a long position	426	549.00
10p ordinary share	Equity swap	decreasing a long position	1076	549.50
10p ordinary share	Equity swap	decreasing a long position	1415	550.00
10p ordinary share	Equity swap	decreasing a long position	2324	548.50
10p ordinary share	Equity swap	decreasing a long position	6859	544.50
10p ordinary share	Equity swap	decreasing a long position	7165	548.00
10p ordinary share	Equity swap	decreasing a long position	9974	545.00
10p ordinary share	Equity swap	decreasing a long position	17097	547.50
10p ordinary share	Equity swap	decreasing a long position	21799	546.50
10p ordinary share	Equity swap	decreasing a long position	29507	547.00
10p ordinary share	Equity swap	decreasing a long position	75346	546.00

# (c) Stock-settled derivative transactions (including options)

# (i) Writing, selling, purchasing or varying

Class of	Product	Writing, purchasing,	Number of securities	Exercise price	Type	Expiry	Option money
relevant	description $e.g.$	selling, varying etc.	to which option relates	per unit (GBp)	e.g. American,	date	paid/ received per
security	call option				European etc.		unit

# (ii) Exercise

Class of relevant security	Product description e.g. call option	Exercising/ exercised against	Number of securities	Exercise price per unit
0	0	0	0	Â <b>0</b>

# (d) Other dealings (including subscribing for new securities)

Class of relevant security	Nature of dealing	Details	Price per unit (if applicable)
	e.g. subscription, conversion		
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0	0	0	0

# 4. OTHER INFORMATION

# (a) Indemnity and other dealing arrangements

securities which may be an inducement to deal or retrain from dealing entered into by the person making the disclosure an				
party to the offer or any person acting in concert with a party to the offer:				
	Irrevocable commitments and letters of intent should not be included. If there are no such agreements, arrangements or understandings,			
	state "noneâ€			
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	None			

# (b) Agreements, arrangements or understandings relating to options or derivatives

Details of any agreement, arrangement or understanding, formal or informal, between the person making the disclosure and any
other person relating to:
(i) the voting rights of any relevant securities under any option; or
(ii) the voting rights or future acquisition or disposal of any relevant securities to which any derivative is referenced:
If there are no such agreements, arrangements or understandings, state "noneâ€
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None
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## (c) Attachments

Is a Supplemental Form 8 (Open Positions) attached?		NO
Date of disclosure:	06-01-2025	
Contact name:	Janice Falcao	
Telephone number:	00442033140679	

Public disclosures under Rule 8 of the Code must be made to a Regulatory Information Service.

The Panelâ $\in$ <sup>TMs</sup> Market Surveillance Unit is available for consultation in relation to the Codeâ $\in$ <sup>TMs</sup> disclosure requirements on +44 (0)20 7638 0129. The Code can be viewed on the Panelâ $\in$ <sup>TMs</sup> website at <u>www.thetakeoverpanel.org.uk</u>.

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